

September 2nd, 2011

Letter of Complaint to Richmond Food Security Society (RFSS)
Richmond, British Columbia <http://www.richmondfoodsecurity.org/contact/>

Re : RFSS Co-Ordinator Arzeena Hamir

This letter is a complaint concerning someone operating within your organization.

A Co-Ordinator named Arzeena Hamir is PUBLICLY ASSOCIATING her ANTI-PESTICIDE activities with the name of Richmond Food Security Society.

She does so, along with her associates, with the ULTIMATE GOAL of PROHIBITING pest control products in the Urban Landscape in several jurisdictions throughout British Columbia.

This is UNACCEPTABLE !

ANTI-PESTICIDE activities are NOT WITHIN THE MANDATE of Richmond Food Security Society, which was created for « *supporting present and future initiatives to promote local, sustainable food production that will increase access to nutritious foods for all residents* ».

We believe that Hamir's activities are IN CONFLICT WITH THE MANDATE of Richmond Food Security Society as a TAX-EXEMPT GOVERNMENT-FUNDED organization.

Although Hamir is NOT a true expert in the HEALTH ISSUES associated with the use of pest control products, she has REPEATEDLY ASSOCIATED her Anti-Pesticide activities with the name of Richmond Food Security Society.

- On January 22nd, 2010, Hamir ORGANIZED AN ANTI-PESTICIDE PROTEST as Co-Ordinator of Richmond Food Security Society.
- On November 15th, 2010, Hamir PARTICIPATED AT AN ANTI-PESTICIDE CONVENTION on behalf of Richmond Food Security Society.
- On August 19th, 2011, Hamir ISSUED STATEMENTS AS AN ANTI-PESTICIDE ACTIVIST and identified herself as Co-Ordinator of Richmond Food Security Society.

It should also be noted that Hamir has a VESTED INTEREST in her Anti-Pesticide activities in order to SELL-FOR-PROFIT her lines of products that serve as so-called alternatives to pest control products.

- Since 1999, Hamir has been PROMOTING « *Terra Viva Organics – Grow a healthy, pesticide-free garden for you and your family. Our site includes organic growing advice, organic fertilizers, natural pest controls, weekly tips, and featured products that will give you growing tips and innovative ideas to make your garden healthy and beautiful* ».

Again, this is UNACCEPTABLE !

The PROMOTION of alternative pest control products is NOT WITHIN THE MANDATE of Richmond Food Security Society.

We believe that Hamir's activities place her in SEVERE CONFLICT with her responsibilities at Richmond Food Security Society.

We request that Richmond Food Security Society PUBLICLY REPUDIATE Hamir's activities.

We request that Hamir be told to CEASE AND DESIST her Anti-Pesticide activities by association with Richmond Food Security Society.

In the likely event that she PERSISTS in these activities, we unfortunately will request the TERMINATION of her services from your organization.

In the unlikely event that Richmond Food Security Society does not take any action in this matter, we plan to RESPOND VIGOROUSLY.

We will STRONGLY QUESTION why Richmond Food Security Society is operating as an ANTI-PESTICIDE ACTIVIST organization.

We will contact BUSINESS, FUND-RAISING, GOVERNMENT, and TAXATION AGENCIES, and DEMAND that they EXAMINE the operations of Richmond Food Security Society and its employees / volunteers.

We will VIGOROUSLY COMPLAIN about Richmond Food Security Society, and DEMAND an INVESTIGATION into CONFLICTS-OF-INTEREST, as well as MISAPPROPRIATION of funds and resources.

We will DEMAND that the food bank's CHARITY TAX-EXEMPT STATUS BE REVOKED !

It should also be noted that LEGAL ACTION has already been launched by the Professional Lawn Care Industry against Anti-Pesticide organizations and activists in the Province of Ontario.

Discussions are underway to also have CHARGES of CONSPIRACY and FRAUD LAID against Anti-Pesticide CONSPIRATORS in the Province of British Columbia.

So far, it is clear that Richmond Food Security Society can be considered among those organizations that CONSPIRED to PROHIBIT pest control products.

Unfortunately, on two occasions, Richmond Food Security Society has directly involved itself in Hamir's activities by ADVERTISING ANTI-PESTICIDE EVENTS.

- On January 13th, 2010, Richmond Food Security Society ADVERTISED AN ANTI-PESTICIDE VIDEO PRESENTATION on its web-site.
- On January 30th, 2010, Richmond Food Security Society ADVERTISED AN ANTI-PESTICIDE RALLY on its web-site.

We request that Richmond Food Security Society MUST TAKE ACTION to avoid being further identified as an ANTI-PESTICIDE ACTIVIST organization.

It is clear that Richmond Food Security Society MUST TAKE ACTION in this matter, and we are confident that it will do so.

We thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely

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